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1. Among those Yugoslav Communist Party members who have been tried and executed in the recent purges, many were reported to be "Dachau Communists", the old line Communist elite. There has been strong rivalry between this group and many Communists who are now holding official positions in Slovenia.
2. The former group is disliked because they knew the role of the Tito government in causing the deaths of prominent Yugoslav nationalists who were interned at Dachau during the war. A Slovenian Communist in Dachau directly or indirectly caused the death of Dinko Puc, the former governor of Slovenia, and Pucelj, the former minister and president of the Slovene Red Cross, while interned at Dachau.

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[REDACTED] Comment: Press reports from Yugoslavia state that certain Communists from that country, while interned at Dachau, occupied "official" positions in the internees' administrative system.)

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